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Improvements in Bathing Suits Incorporating Brassieres

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10 This invention relates to bathing suits for women's wear incorporating a separate brassiere or bust support. In garments of this kind it is obviously desirable that the brassiere and its 15 fastening means should be invisible in wear and also that some means should be provided for adjusting the brassiere to the individual figure so that the correct degree of support may be obtained. In 20 modern forms of bathing suit where the back is cut low and the supporting straps are kept as far as possible from traversing the wearer's back, the inclusion of a brassiere which is invisible and yet provides adequate support has proved 25 difficult.

According to the present invention a brassiere or bust support is attached at any convenient points to the inside of a 30 bathing suit and provided with means whereby the adjustment of the tension of

the brassiere to provide correct support is effected by means of parts, preferably the shoulder straps of the bathing suit itself.

Thus in one form of construction, a 35 brassiere of any desired type is attached adjustably or otherwise by the upper portions of the supports to the inside of a bathing suit at the bases of the shoulder straps. The remainder of the supports is 40 conveniently left free except for the outer extremities which are secured, also detachably if desired, to parts of the bathing suit which in wear would be positioned at the wearer's sides under the arms. At 45 these points the bathing suit and/or the extremities of the brassiere are provided substantially with a loop or with loops through which the shoulder straps of the bathing suit are passed and thence led 50 down through further loops or channels in the back of the bathing suit. The shoulder straps may be tied at the back or brought round to the front and there tied, or in fact arranged in any way in which 55 the tension on the bust support may be adjusted by pulling the shoulder straps of the bathing suit or elements controlling the shoulder straps more or less tightly.

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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION

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This invention relates to bathing suits for women's wear incorporating a separate brassiere or breast support. An object of the invention is to provide a combination 75 garment of this type in which the brassiere and its fastening means are

invisible in wear even in a bathing suit of modern type having a wide and deep opening at the back. A further object is the provision of simple and effective 80 means for adjusting the brassiere to the individual figure, so that the correct degree of support may be obtained.

Broadly these objects are attained by arranging a brassiere within the upper 85 front portion of a bathing suit and attaching it thereto in such a way that the adjustment of the brassiere to provide correct support is effected by means of parts, preferably the shoulder straps, of 90 the bathing suit itself.

The invention will be more fully understood by reference to the accompanying

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drawing which shows the back view of a bathing suit opened out to show the method of attachment and adjustment of a brassiere of ordinary type.

5 Referring to the drawing; the upper portion of a bathing suit A terminates laterally in loops B formed by turning over and sewing down the material of the suit. Shoulder straps C attached in the 10 ordinary way to the front of the bathing suit are made of a length such that they can be passed freely through the loops B and then brought inwards upon the wearer's back and through other loops D 15 attached to the lower part of the suit, after which the straps may be tied together at the back or brought round to the front and there tied.

Within the front of the bathing suit is 20 a brassiere composed of two breast supports or pockets E secured to the bathing suit only by means of the shoulder straps at F and to the looped parts B, and although the drawing shows permanent 25 attachment by sewing, the brassiere may, if desired, be made easily detachable by means of flat buckles, buttons, or the like. Moreover, the attachments at F may be made adjustable so that the height of the 30 brassiere in relation to the bathing suit may be varied.

In use, the bathing suit is put on in the ordinary way, the shoulder straps are drawn over the shoulders and are then 35 pulled through the loops B and D. The effect of this is to tighten the brassiere upon the body, uplift being obtained by the pull on the breast pockets by the shoulder straps in front and a sufficient 40 tightening to maintain the lower edges of the supports E in position by pulling the loops B around the wearer's sides. The straps are then tied in any convenient place either at the front or back. Thus 45 the adjustment both of the bathing suit

and of the brassiere within it is obtained solely by means of the bathing suit shoulder straps, without requiring separate brassiere adjusting straps which might become visible in use.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of our said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, we declare that what we claim is:—

1. A combination garment for women's wear comprising a bathing suit open at the back, a brassiere disposed within the upper front portion of the bathing suit and attached thereto at the sides, and 60 shoulder straps secured to the upper front portion of the bathing suit and to the top of the brassiere and adapted to slide through the sides of the bathing suit to adjust the latter simultaneously with the 65 brassiere.

2. A combination garment for women's wear as claimed in Claim 1 in which the brassiere is capable of being adjusted within the bathing suit.

3. A combination garment for women's wear as claimed in Claim 1 or Claim 2 including means such as loops secured to the back portion of the bathing suit and adapted to receive the shoulder straps slidably therethrough so that by pulling upon the shoulder straps and tying or otherwise securing them together, the tension on the brassiere and the fit of the bathing suit are simultaneously adjusted.

4. A bathing suit incorporating a brassiere substantially as herein described with reference to and as illustrated in the accompanying drawing.

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[This Drawing is a reproduction of the Original on a reduced scale.]

